

United States Attorney Southern District of New York

PRESS ADVISORY AND CONFERENCE

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY JAMES B. COMEY WILL HOLD A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1:00 P.M. TODAY, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, WITH ASSISTANT INSPECTOR IN CHARGE OF THE NEW YORK DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE THOMAS VAN DE MERLEN TO ANNOUNCE THE ARREST AND CHARGES AGAINST A FLORIDA MAN STEMMING FROM HIS ALLEGED CREATION AND USE OF MISLEADING DOMAIN NAMES ON THE INTERNET TO DECEIVE MINORS INTO LOGGING ON TO PORNOGRAPHIC WEB SITES. HE IS ACCUSED OF REGISTERING AT LEAST 3,000 DOMAIN NAMES AND EARNING UP TO \$1 MILLION A YEAR FROM THEM.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2003

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

1 ST. ANDREW'S PLAZA, IN THE LOBBY

NEW YORK CITY

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